



Island Pacific Academy

Introduction to the School



From the Headmaster:

I Mua Me Ka Ha'abeo.

Go Forward with Confidence.

The words on the crest of Island Pacific Academy express a hope we share for children growing up in the 21st century.

I am privileged to lead educators, parents and students who have come together to build Island Pacific Academy, West Oahu's first independent, non-profit, nonsectarian, college preparatory school for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. Our purpose is to provide students with an academically challenging and developmentally appropriate educational experience led by talented, caring teachers in a nurturing and enriched learning environment.

Through the support of the community in West and Central Oahu, Island Pacific Academy will enroll over 600 students this fall and celebrate a significant milestone when IPA's first senior class graduates in spring 2010. We have constructed, with the confident support of a local lender, two new buildings with superior facilities. Most important, we have established the foundation for a tradition of excellence in the academic, intellectual, athletic and artistic development of our students, keeping alive their natural curiosity and creativity while insuring that they learn how to learn. Thus equipped, our children will thrive as adults in an ever-more complex world.

We have developed a school culture founded upon specific core values. For us, graduating young people who have a generosity of spirit and understand the power of human kindness is foundational to our aims for our students. We seek to graduate good people who are thirsty for learning, literate, write well, and think critically. We recognize just how ideal is our vision but recognize that ideals are never reached if they are not first envisioned.

Island Pacific Academy is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools. For us, accreditation signifies a commitment to on-going school improvement, a process of reflection and self-assessment. Our program is consistent with other outstanding independent schools on Oahu, and we share with our peer schools a commitment to the philosophy of service to others.

To enable our students to go forward with confidence to realize their goals and aspirations is a noble and worthy aim. I welcome those who would join with us to achieve that aim through Island Pacific Academy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel E. White, Headmaster